

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2434 - SB 2326

March 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a court in criminal cases to order a victim's testimony to be taken outside the courtroom by means of two-way closed circuit television (CCTV) if the victim is a domestic abuse victim and a victim of specific offenses listed in the bill.

Before ordering testimony to be taken by CCTV, the court must make a case-specific finding of necessity considering specific factors listed in the bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Some, but not all, courts already have the ability to allow a witness to testify via CCTV.
- It is assumed that the bill will not significantly impact the operations of the courts, district attorneys, or public defenders.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General Conference, and the District Public Defenders Conference confirm that the bill will not significantly impact their operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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